A SITUATION.

[Philadelphia Gall.] "Well, girls," said my Uncle Barnabas, and now what do you propose to do about

We sat around the fire in a disconsolate semi-circle that dreary, drizzling May night, when the rain pattered against the window panes and the poor little daffodils in the borders shook and shivered as if they would fain hide their golden heads once more in

the mother soil. My mother, Eleanor and I. Uncle Barnabas Berkelin sat in the middle of the circle, erect, stiff and grim. He was stout and short, with a grizzled mustache, a little round bald spot on the crown of his head, and two glittering black eyes that were always sending their dusky lightnings in the direction least expected.

Uncle Barnabas was rich and we were poor. Uucle Barnabas was wise in the ways of the world, and we were inexperienced. Uncle Barnabas was prosperous in all he did, while, if there was a bad bargain to be made, we were pretty sure to be the ones to make away, and he himself furnishes the groundit. Consequently, and sa a matter of course, we looked up to Uncle Barnabas and reverenced his opinions.

"What do we propose to do about it?" Eleanor slowly repeated, lifting her beauti-

ful jetty brows. Yes, that's exactly it," said my mother nervously: "because, Brother Barnabas, we don't pretend to be business women, and its certain we can't live comfortably on our present income. Something has got to be

"I suppose your girls are educated," said Uncle Barnabas. "I know I found enough old school bills when I was looking over my . brother's papers.'

"Of course," said my mother, with evident pride; "their education has been most expensive. Music, drawing, use of the "Yes, yes; of course," interrupted Uncle

Barnabas, "But is it practical? Can they Eleanor looked dubious, I was quite cer-'tain that I could not, Madame Lenoir, amid all her list of accomplishments, had

not included the art of practical taition. "Humph!" grunted Uncle Barnabas, tion. Well, well, if you can't teach you can surely do something. What do you say, Eleaner, to a situation?"

"A situation?" The color fluttered in Eleanor's cheeks like pink and white apple blossoms. 'I spoke plain enough, didn't I?" said Uncle Barnabas, dryly. "Yes, a situation." What sort of a situation, Uncle Barna-

part companion to an elderly lady," explained the old gentleman,

"O, Uncle Barnabas, I couldn't do that." "So you won't take the situation, sh?" said Uncle Barnabas, starting up at a wishywashy little water color drawing of Cupid and Psyche, an "exhibition pieco" of poor Eleanor's, which hung above the chimney

"I couldn't inced, sir," "Borry," said he, "Bister Rachel," to my mether, "what do you say?"

My mother drew her pretty little figure up a triffe more erect than usual. "I think my danohter Eleanor is quite right," said she. "The Berkelins have always been ladies.'

I had sat quite silent, with my chin in my hands, during all this family discussion, but now I ross up and came to Uncle Barnabas' "Well, little Susy," said the old gentle-man, laying his hand kindly on my wrist,

"If you please, Uncle Barnabas," said I, with a rapidly-throbbing heart, "I would like to take the situation.

Bravo!" cried Uncle Barnabas. "My dear child!" exclaimed my mother. 'Susannah!" uttered Eleanor, in accents

by no means laudatory.
"Yes," said I. "Twenty-five dollars a menth is a great deal of money, and I never was afraid of work. I think I will go to the old lady, Uncle Barnabas. I'm sure I could send home at least \$20 a month to mother and Eleanor, and then the two weeks, spring and fall, would be so nice! Please, Uncle Barnabas, I'll go back with you when you go. What is the old lady's name?"

"Her name?" said Uncle Barnabas. "Didn't I tell you? It's Prudence-Mrs. Prudence."

'What a nice name!" said I, "I know I shall like her." "Well, I think you will," said Uncle Barnabas, looking kindly at me. "And I think

she will like you. Is it a bargain for the o'clock train to-morrow morning' "Yes," I answered, stoutly, taking care not to look in the direction of my mother and

But after he had gone to bed in the best chamber, where the ruffled pillow cases were, and the chintz covered easy chair, the full strength of the family tongue broke on my

devoted head. So the next morning I set out for the un-known bourn of New York life. We took a hack at the depot and drove

through so many streets that my head spun around and around like a teetotum before we stopped at a pretty brown stone mansion -it looked like a palace to my unaccustomed eyes—and Uncle Barnabas helped me out. 'Here is where Mrs. Prudence lives," said he with a chuckle.

A nest little maid, with a frilled white apron and rose colored ribbons in her hair, opened the door with a courtesy, and I was conducted into an elegant apartment all gilding, exotics and blue satin damask, when a plump old lady dressed in black silk, with the loveliest Valenciennes lace at her throat and wrists, came smiling forward like a sixty-year-old sunbeam.

So you've come back, Barnabas, have you" said she. "And brought one of the dear girls with you. Come and kiss me, my

Barnabas, flinging his hat one way and his gloves snother, as he sat complacently down on the sofa.

"My sunt?" I echoed. "Wny. of course," said the plump old ledy. "Don't you know? I'm your Aunt Pru dence.'

"But I thought," I gasped in newilder ment. "that I was coming to a situation." "Well, so you are," retorted Uncle Barnabas, "The situation of adopted daughter in my family. Twenty-five dollars a month pocket money, the care of Aunt Prudence, cat and canary, and to make yourself gener-

Lotta on Intellect.

[From an Interview in the Kansas City Journal.] There had been some previous talk about intelligence and the queer people one meets in traveling, and Lotta continued:

What little specks we are, after all! We think we are great and we die and some one immediately springs up to fill our place. No matter how gifted we are, others will follow togather the same laurels. And yet how beautiful it is to cultivate oneself—to improve and to grow strong mentally! It is the only thing that permits people to grow old grace-fully and acceptably. After all, the only nobility is that of the intellect. The Prince

the presence of genius; no man bows sooner

to it than he." "Lately," continued the lady, "I have discovered that I have some talent for painting. While in St. Louis I took some lessons in water colors. I do not dare to paint with eils; it is so unkealthy."

How Fathers Learn the Private Lives of Their Daughters' Suitors, [New York Telegram.] "Of course, there are tricks in every trade,

MATRIMONIAL DETECTIVES.

and there are a few in ours," said a wellknown private detective, with a smile, the other day. "The ins and outs of the detec tive business are devious and many."

the Telegraph reporter. "By no means. The bulk of my work is tracking private individuals and ascertaining their daily life."

"Who are you best customers?" "My best customers are usually women. Tracking criminals is laborious and difficult, not to say dangerous. In the first place a cious. That fact alone makes his capture | all folly. the more difficult and dangerous, although a lively conscience, particularly when rework upon which we weave the net of convicting evidence against him. With old 'crooks,' however, there is no such thing as conscience, and they of all others are the most difficult to capture. And, again, an old one at the business is usually desperate and does not hesitate to adopt desperate means when cornered. On the other hand, 'spotting' reckless young men for their sweethearts, wild sons for their fathers, and suspected wives and husbands is what you would call a 'snap.' You would be surprised at the number of suspicious minded

persons in the world. "Only a few weeks ago I had a call from a house on Thirty-fourth street, almost under the shadow of the Stewart mansion. I rasponded in person, and an elderly, whitehaired gentleman received me in his library. After considerable besting about the bush he mentioned his daughter's name, and sur-

mising the rest, I said: "'She has a suitor, and she thinks a good deal of him, and wants to marry him; and you want to know something about the young gentleman " said I.

"Yes, yes. Bless my soul, how did you know, said he, really astonished. Finally, after much talk, I succeeded in getting all I wanted out of the old gentleman, and went away with a parting injunction to be very careful, the old man exclaiming, 'Bless my soul, but I think he is a wicked young

"That night I followed the young gentleman after he and his betrothed had returned from the opera, and he had left her at her father's door. The first place he visited was a salcon, where he had a good, still horn Haymarket, where he spent the best | part of the night, getting home ing the Haymarket for a faro bank, where he he lost heavily and went home pratty well londed.' That was enough for the old gentieman, and when the young man called the next time, instead of the warm welcome of his betrothed, he was met by the angry old gentleman. Bo you see how he lest a pretty wife and her father's well filled money bags, The old gentleman was deeply grateful to me and gave me a check for \$100, and when I said it was a good deal, he replied: 'Why, bless my soul, you saved my daughter, sir; you saved my daughter,' and the old man's eyes were filled with fears."

That Old Epidemic. [Nashville American.]

The "foot and mouth" disease is epidemic in Washington. After considerable breaking out in the mouth, chinning for an appointment, the victim has to feet it back home for lack of car fare.

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"Influence" at a Discount.

[Brooklyn Union.] The President is thoroughly consistent in the application of his policy. He has treated the Washington churches in the same way as he has done the politicians, and instead of selecting the one which has the strongest "claim" and made the most urgent appeals for his attendance, he has rented a pew in an unfashionable house of worship, which brought no "influence" to bear in order to secure him.

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The removal of Professor Sanborn, of New Hampshire, after being pronounced incurable by a score of physicians, from Las Vegas, N. Mex., to his home, was effected by administering Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic, which has restored him to his former

A Husband's Greatest Blessing nobility is that of the intellect. The Prince of Wales, even, recognizes this when he is in by using Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic.

FLORIDA.

Oranges and Their Culture, Cotton, Etc. Longwood, Fia., March 31.-In a recent issue of your valuable paper, quite a lengthy article appeared written by a Mr. Carr, whom it seems is sojourning at Orlando. In justice to Florida and the orange business, I wish to refute some of Mr. C.'s statements. To begin with, he tells among other things of the cost of making a grove and how many oranges may be as a rule (?) got from a ten acre grove. He says that there are usually one hundred trees to the acre, and estimates the crop per tree as six hundred oranges. "Do criminal cases pay the best?" asked | The one hundred tree to the acre grove is a thing of the past, as nearly every one who owns a grove or has had one set out in the last five years puts from forty to sixty trees to the acre, and as for a grove in a good healthy condition (as it ought to be from the money he spends on it in his estimate) proman with a crime on his conscience is suspi- | ducing only six hundred oranges per tree is A tree, under ordinary circumstances,

when eight to nine years old, will bear anywhere from 1,000 to 6,000; consequently on a ten-rere grove of 600 trees, allowing 1,200 (a. safe estimate) to the tree, you will have a nice little sum of 720,000 oranges. Now, this may seem fearfully exaggerated, but it is not. To cite a case of wonderful production, the Speer grove, near Sanford, which contains something over 500 trees, produced something over 1,000,000 oranges. This is an old grove, but it has been keeping this up for some time.

When the cost of taking care of one acre of orange grove is \$50, it means that the party who takes care of it is to furnish the fertilizer and to plow, hoe and harrowit. The time for fancy prices for groves is passed, but still they are held away up. So much for the production. Then Mr. C.

puts the cost and receipts together and finds himself (figuratively) losing money, or rather that the costs have exceeded the income of the grove. So would any one having a fine bearing ten acre grove and only getting 60,000 oranges off it, and paying \$50 per acre to have it taken care of and furnishing the fertilizer also. But, take for instance, a crop of even 100,000 from a ten acre grove and it will make at least 660 boxes of fruit. Put these at \$2 50 per box (a low estimate) and the amount is \$1,650. The cost of taking care of the grove at \$50 per acre would be \$500, and 000 boxes at lifteen cents per box would be \$90, making a total of \$500; then the wrappers would cost about \$6, making in all \$605 -leaving a profit of \$945. Now this is away down on the production of a producing bearing grove of ten acres.

I will let the orange question rest here, "Well, I can hardly say. Part servant, of whisky. On top of this he visited the Mr. C. makes He spoke of the cotton raised cotton raised in this Bate as there is to any of about i in the morning. I made theother cotton producing States. Of course my report to the old gentleman, who said, the yield is not so enormous as it is in some Bless my soul; just as I thought. Try him of the others, but it is considered very fine sgain to night.' I did. and the young man's cotton indeed. The finest of vegetables are operations were about the same only vary. raised here, and when the hotels can get them they do. Now, I mean hotels, not commen hash foundries Take the Abamonte for instance. They have the best of fresh vegetables and, in fact, genuine feech cowa' muk; not from the "tin cow," as we call the condensed milk, but from the simon pure

I have a high pine land garden that I have had, and have the vegetables in. We had elegant strawberries in February. In regard to beef I have not much to say, except that once in a while you do come across a good piece of Fiorida beef,

If you would care to have a lengthy article on the range question I will take pleasure in writing one up for your readers. Respectfully yours.

OPERA PESTIVAL.

The Great Chicago Musical Feast of the Next Three Weeks. The great Opera Festival Hall now being

erected in the Exposition Building in Chicago for the Opera Festival, to occur April 6th to 18th, is now so far completed as to illustrate the fact that it is a beautiful auditorium and as comfortable and excellent in its arrangements for seats as it is handsome. Mr. G. S. Pratt, the projector and director of the festival, has carefully tested the acoustic properties of the place and pronounces it as astonishingly perfect, the slightest sound being heard from the stage in every part of the house. The decorations in the auditorium are beginning to show and the curved fronts of the private boxes as also the front of the dress circle and balcony, is being decorated papier mache in rich gold.

It is announced that Patti will sing three times the first week and probably the same number of times the second week of the festival. But with Nevada, the new American prima donna, whose triumphs in Paris and all the cities in America where she has yet appeared, have been second only to Patti (in fact welcomed as her successor), and Fursch-Madi, the great dramatic soprano, besides the greatest living contralto, Scalchi, with such an array of great artists supported by Giannini, Cardinali, Nicolini, Da Anna and a chorus of 300 fresh voices, with an orchestra of 100 musicians, there will be no "off nights" during the festival. In fact when Patti does not sing, some of the greatest and most attractive operas are to be given. The first week is officially announced as follows:

Evening performances begin at 7.30 p. m. matince at 2 p. m. Monday evening, April 6, (Patti and Scal-

chi), "Semiramide" Tuesday evening, April 6, Farsch-Madi and L'Africaine. Wednesday evening, April 8 (Nevada's debut), "Mireilla" (first time.

Thursday evening, April 9 (Patti and Scal-Friday evening, April 10 (Nevada and Giannini), "Lucia di Lammermoor. Saturday matinee, April 11 (Patti and

Scalchi). "Martha." Saturday evening, April 11 (Fursch-Madi and Giannini), "Der Freischutz." Operas to be presented the first and last week of the festival:

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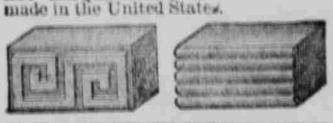
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